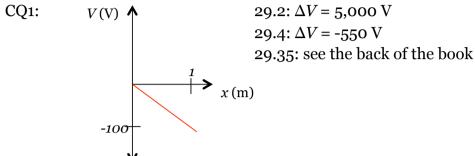
# **Announcements**

□ Homework for tomorrow...

Ch. 29: CQ 8, Probs. 14, 18, & 38



□ Office hours...

MW 10-11 am

TR 9-10 am

F 12-1 pm

□ Tutorial Learning Center (TLC) hours:

MTWR 8-6 pm

F 8-11 am, 2-5 pm

Su 1-5 pm

# Chapter 29

### Potential & Field

(A Conductor in Electrostatic Equilibrium & Capacitance and Capacitors)

### Review...

□ *Electric potential difference* from the *Electric field*...

$$\Delta V = -\int_{i}^{f} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

- $rianlge \Delta V = negative$  of the area under the E vs. s curve between i & f
- *Electric field* from *potential difference*..

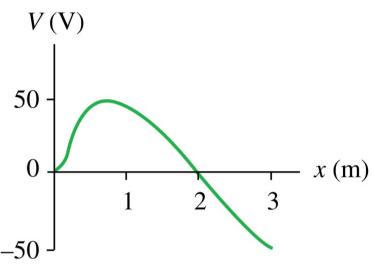
$$E_s = -\frac{dV}{ds}$$

component of *E*-field in the *s* direction!

•  $E_s = negative$  of the slope of the V vs. s curve

# Quiz Question 1

An electron is released from rest at x = 2 m in the potential shown. What does the electron do right after being released?



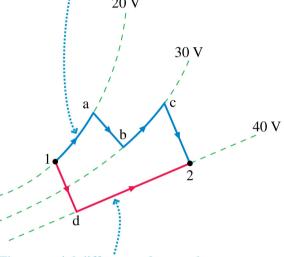
- Stay at x = 2 m.
- 2. Move to the right at steady speed.
- 3. Move to the right with increasing speed.
- 4. Move to the left at steady speed.
- 5. Move to the left with increasing speed.

## Kirchoff's Loop Rule...

The *sum* of all the *potential differences* encountered while moving around a *closed path* is *zero*.

$$\Delta V_{loop} = \sum_{i} (\Delta V)_i = 0$$

The potential difference along path 1-a-b-c-2 is  $\Delta V = 0 \text{ V} + 10 \text{ V} + 0 \text{ V} + 10 \text{ V} = 20 \text{ V}.$ 



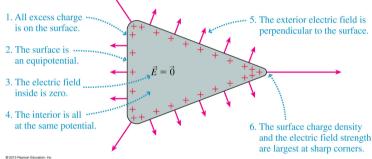
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#### 29.4:

### A Conductor in Electrostatic Equilibrium

- *E*-field is ZERO inside a conductor in electrostatic equilibrium.
- Any two points within the conductor are at the *same* electric potential.
  - Entire conductor is at the *same* electric potential.
- □ The *exterior E*-field of a charged conductor is *perpendicular* to the surface.

□ The *exterior E*-field (& surface charge density) is *largest* at sharp points.



#### 29.4:

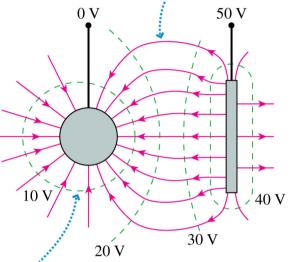
# A Conductor in Electrostatic Equilibrium

 $lue{}$  Close to the surface, the *E*-field is still *nearly perpendicular* to the surface.

Equipotential surface close to an electrode must *roughly match* the

shape of the electrode.

The field lines are perpendicular to the equipotential surfaces.

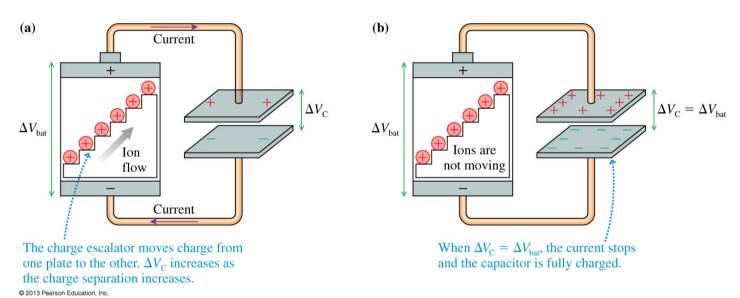


The equipotential surfaces gradually change from the shape of one electrode to that of the other.

#### 29.5:

# **Capacitance and Capacitors**

- How does a capacitor get charged?
  - Capacitor plates are connected to the two terminals of a battery via conducting wires.
- Once connected, what happens?
- How does  $\Delta V_C$  compare to  $\Delta V_{bat}$ ?

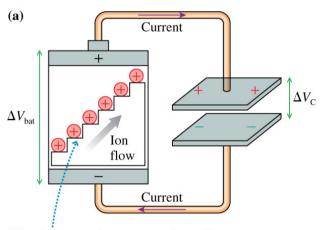


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# Capacitance and Capacitors

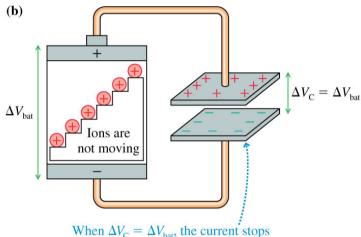
□ Any two points in a conductor in electrostatic equilibrium are at the same potential.

$$\Delta V_C = \Delta V_{bat}$$



The charge escalator moves charge from one plate to the other.  $\Delta V_{\rm C}$  increases as the charge separation increases.

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When  $\Delta V_{\rm C} = \Delta V_{\rm bat}$ , the current stops and the capacitor is fully charged.

# Quiz Question 2

Three charged metal spheres of different radii are connected by a thin metal wire. The potential and electric field at the surface of each sphere are V and E.

Which of the following is true?

1. 
$$V_1 = V_2 = V_3$$
 and  $E_1 < E_2 < E_3$ 

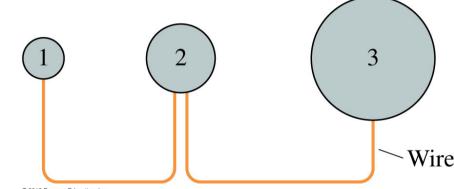
2. 
$$V_1 > V_2 > V_3$$
 and  $E_1 = E_2 = E_3$ 

3. 
$$V_1 < V_2 < V_3$$
 and  $E_1 = E_2 = E_3$ 

4. 
$$V_1 = V_2 = V_3$$
 and  $E_1 > E_2 > E_3$ 

5. 
$$V_1 > V_2 > V_3$$
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6. 
$$V_1 < V_2 < V_3$$
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$$C \equiv rac{Q}{\Delta V_C}$$
 - Capacitance

$$C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$$
 (parallel-plate capacitor)

- Notice: Capacitance is a *purely* geometric property of the electrodes
- □ SI Units:  $[C] = C/V \equiv F_{\kappa}$

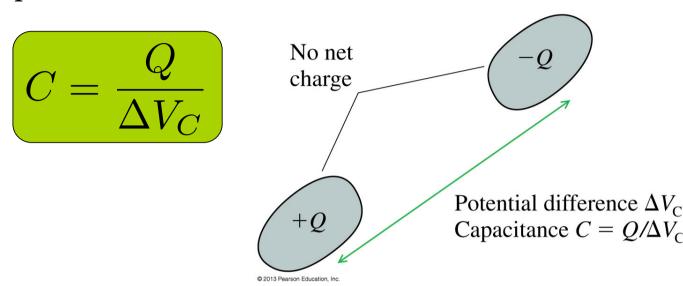
# i.e. 29.6: Charging a capacitor

The spacing between the plates of a 1.0  $\mu$ F capacitor is 0.050 mm

- a. What is the surface area of the plates?
- b. How much charge is on the plates if this capacitor is attached to a 1.5 V battery?

### Forming a Capacitor...

- Any two electrodes, regardless of their shape, form a capacitor.
- The capacitance of two electrodes is...



■ and depends *only* on the geometry of the electrodes.